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Mission

"Encouraging Louisiana citizens to protect and enrich their quality of life by exercising their rights and responsibilities as informed voters."

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How to Register and in Louisiana





A Message from the Secretary of State

As the state's chief election officer, I encourage all eligible Louisianians to register to vote!

I hope you will learn about the issues and candidates and make informed decisions each and every election day.

Tom Schedler
Secretary of State

How do I register to vote?

To register and vote, you must be:

- a U.S. citizen;
- at least 17 years old, but must be 18 years old prior to next election to vote;
- not under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony;
- not under a judgment of full interdiction for mental incompetence or partial interdiction with suspension of voting rights; and
- reside in the state and parish in which you seek to register and vote.

Register online, it's fast and easy! Visit www.GeauxVote.com.

Register in person at your parish Registrar of Voters Office, when you apply for or renew your driver's license at any Office of Motor Vehicles or when obtaining services at public assistance agencies and armed forces recruitment offices.

Register by mail by completing an application available at www.GeauxVote.com, public libraries and through registration drives.

How do I register to vote if I am a convicted felon?

To restore your voting rights after a felony conviction, you must present proof of completion of your sentence to your local registrar of voters in person. If you are disabled and homebound, proof of completion of your sentence may be submitted by mail, fax or commercial carrier.

Commissioners are responsible for conducting all election day duties at their assigned precinct, enforcing election laws, maintaining order at the polling place during the election and posting results.

To be a commissioner, you must be a registered voter in the parish where you are going to serve. The exception to this rule is if you are otherwise qualified to serve as a commissioner and you are a 17-year-old enrolled in the 12th grade, graduated, received your GED or you are a 17-year-old who is participating at the 12th grade level in a home study program; however, a 17-year-old will only be authorized to serve as a commissioner.

If a commissioner-in-charge or commissioner is running for office or an immediate family member is running for office for a specific election, he or she may not serve in any precinct where his name or the name of any immediate family member is on the ballot.

You must attend the required course of instruction given by your parish Clerk of Court's Office and pass a test that is given at the end of the school to become a certified commissioner.

At the beginning of each new term for the parish clerk of court, commissioners and commissioners-in-charge must be recertified.

Certified commissioners earn up to \$200 an election and certified commissioners-in-charge earn up to \$250-300 an election, depending on the number of precincts.



Honor Vets...Vote

The Honor Vets...Vote program honors those who have fought and sacrificed for our freedom and our sacred right to vote. Dedicate your vote by honoring those who have fought and are fighting today.

Visit your local Registrar of Voters Office or Clerk of Court's Office to complete a form to receive a printable certificate, bumper sticker and/or lapel pin. You may also visit www.sos.la.gov/honorvets to complete the Honor Vets...Vote form or call our office at 225.342.4479 to participate in the program. After receiving your sticker and/or pin, show your appreciation for our servicemen and women by displaying the sticker and wearing the pin.

Remember, electioneering within 600 feet of the polling place is not allowed. Private property is exempt.

Vote by Mail

Vote by mail if you will be absent during early voting and election day, if you are in the military, an overseas citizen, a person with a disability, a senior citizen, a student or if you qualify under one of the 12 reasons allowed in Louisiana to vote by mail.

Review all 12 reasons to vote by mail at www.GeauxVote.com under Vote by Mail. You can download and print an application, learn how to apply online or simply send your registrar of voters a letter requesting to vote by mail with the reason and the election date.

Vote by mail automatically for all elections if you are a person with a disability or a senior citizen. Complete the application form and mark Option No. 2 and mail the form to the Registrar of Voters Office or apply online at voterportal.sos.la.gov. Proof of disability is required when initially applying for an automatic mail ballot for reason of disability.

You will remain in the automatic mail ballot program until such time that a ballot is returned to the Registrar of Voters Office as undeliverable or you request to be removed from the program.

Be sure to return your voted mail ballot timely to the Registrar of Voters Office.

The deadline for receipt of your voted mail ballot by the Registrar of Voters Office is 4:30 p.m. the day before election day, except for military and overseas citizens, who have until election day.

Election Workers

Louisiana relies on its dedicated citizens to perform the public service of working the polling places on election day. If you are interested in serving as a commissioner, please contact your local clerk of court.

Commissioners-in-charge have worked as commissioners in prior elections and are responsible for presiding over the election and the commissioners in their precincts, counting and tabulating votes and delivering the election results to the Clerk of Court's Office on election night.

If I am a student living away from home, how do I know where to register and vote?

As a Louisiana resident and student in Louisiana, you may register and vote in the parish of your home residence or in the parish where you are attending school, if you have a school address (e.g., apartment or dormitory).

As an out-of-state resident and student in Louisiana, you may register and vote in the parish of your home residence if you wish to register and vote in this state. You may not be registered to vote in more than one state at any one time.

Deadline to Register to Vote

You must register at least 30 days prior to an election to be able to vote in the election.

You will receive a voter information card by mail when your registration is complete. If you do not receive a voter information card within 30 days of registering, contact your local registrar of voters.

Political Party Choices

Louisiana has five recognized political parties:

- Democratic
- Green
- Libertarian
- Reform
- Republican

You may register as being affiliated with one of the five recognized parties.

You may designate "Other" on your voter registration application and write in the name of an unrecognized political party.

Louisiana law provides that no political party shall be recognized in this state which declares its name solely to be "Independent" or "The Independent Party." You may designate "No Party" if you do not want to register as being affiliated with any political party.

You may change your party affiliation simply by sending your registrar of voters a written note requesting your party change (including signature); by completing another voter registration application; or by visiting www.GeauxVote.com.

General Voter Registration Information

You are required to register where you are an actual bona fide resident. If you reside at more than one place in the state with an intention to reside there indefinitely, you may register and vote at only one residence. If you file a homestead exemption on one residence, you shall register and vote where that residence is located.

You may not be registered in more than one parish or state.

When registering to vote, you must supply a street or rural route address. A post office box address or mail center box does not qualify as a residence address. Your elected representatives are determined by your residence address. In order for you to vote on the correct ballot for an election, your registration must have your residence address.

You must notify your parish Registrar of Voters Office of any changes to your voter registration (e.g., name or address).

If you move outside the parish, you must register in the new parish. If you move out of state, you must notify your Louisiana parish registrar of voters to cancel your registration before registering in another state.

Early Voting

Vote early at your convenience! Visit your parish Registrar of Voters Office or other designated early voting sites in your parish. The early voting period is 14 days to seven days before each election. No reason is required.

Early voting hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except Sundays and legal holidays. Voters in line at 6 p.m. during each day of the early voting period will be allowed to vote.

Early voting normally runs from Saturday to Saturday (excluding Sunday) starting two weeks before election day. The exception is for federal elections in which early voting is held Tuesday through Tuesday (excluding Sunday) starting two weeks before Election Day.

Visit www.GeauxVote.com or contact your local registrar of voters for more information.

Election Day Voting

Voting Hours

Tuesday elections: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday elections: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters in line at 8 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Where to find your polling place for election day voting?

- On your voter information card;
- through the online poll locator at voterportal.sos.la.gov or www.GeauxVote.com;
- on your smartphone by downloading the GeauxVote Mobile app; or
- by calling your local registrar of voters or our toll-free hotline at 800.883.2805.

What to bring on election day to vote?

- A photo identification card. You may use a Louisiana driver's license, a Louisiana special ID card or other generally recognized picture identification card with your name and signature. You may obtain a free photo ID card at the Office of Motor Vehicles by presenting your voter information card.
- If you do not have a photo ID, you will be required to sign an affidavit and supply further identification information.

Review your sample ballot before voting! You are allowed three minutes to cast your vote or 20 minutes if you are entitled to assistance or use the audio voting keypad.

Where to view a sample ballot?

Sample ballots are:

- online at www.GeauxVote.com 45 days before the primary election;
- on your smartphone via the GeauxVote Mobile app;
- possibly published in your official parish journal before election day; and
- posted at your polling place.

